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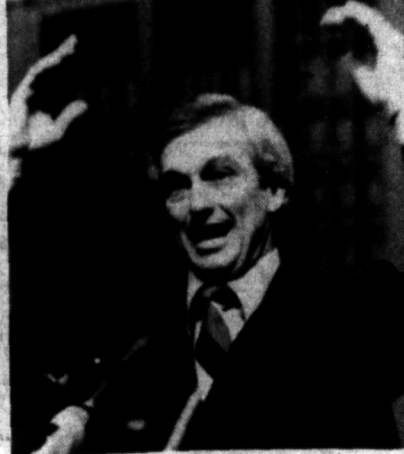
... Some of the Fine Musicians at 'The Evangelism-Bible Conference



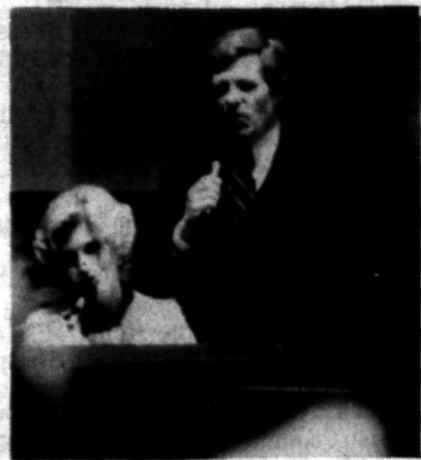
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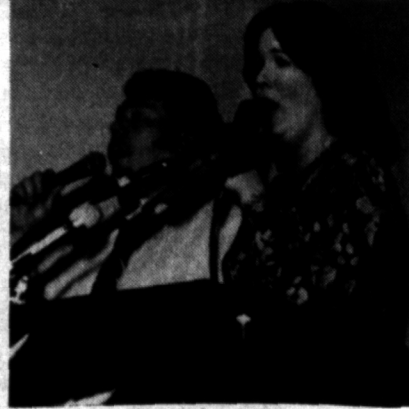
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Handbell Choir, Calvary, Meridian

## Churches In Changing Communities Meet Set

Two conferences on "Churches in Changing Communities" are set for late March in Tupelo and Columbus.

They will take place at Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, March 26-27; and at First Baptist Church, Columbus, March 29-30.

Purpose of the conferences is to assist the local church and association in better understanding the church in transitional communities. The conferences aid in identifying needs and offering options of ministry.

Ray Grissett, conference organizer and consultant with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Cooperative Missions Department, says the conference personnel never attempt to tell a church what to do. "We help them develop the program that they feel will provide their church the stimuli, encouragement, and program

work that they need to carry on for the Lord," says Grissett.

Principal guest speaker will be Jere Allen, a native of Greenville, Miss., and on the staff of the Alabama Baptist Convention, specializing in consultation with the church in transition.

Other speakers include Mississippi pastors whose churches are in changing communities.

## Laymen Plea

(Continued from page 1) meet this challenge.

Specifically, the laymen's group suggested enlisting communications experts as Missions Service Corps volunteers, creating a Bold Mission Thrust speakers' bureau, and utilizing a telephone to enlist Mission Service Corps volunteers and sponsors.

They also suggested creating lay advisory committees in the denomination to advise Baptist leaders on business matters, utilizing the services of laymen who are professionals in management structure and systems, management motivation and development, staff relationships and employee counseling, and the purchase of land and buildings for church and mission sites.

In presenting the report, Price cited a study made in 1970 by the SBC Executive Committee which stated that "the under-utilization of laymen may be the greatest current liability of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the appropriate training and utilization of Southern Baptist laymen may be the convention's greatest potential asset."

**M'Lang, Philippines**—Of the nearly 380 decisions made during a five-day Christian Emphasis Week at Southern Baptist College, M'Lang, Philippines, more than 200 were decisions to accept Christ. This is the largest response ever recorded at the college according to Karen Hopper, Southern Baptist missionary director of religious activities there. High school students made 155 of the decisions to accept Christ. Almost 1,400 students are currently enrolled in the institution for high school and college students.

## Combatting Measles Epidemic

**NALERIGU, Ghana (BP)**—Mothers carrying children on their backs and leading others by the hand came by the hundreds to receive immunizations from Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers combatting a deadly measles epidemic.

As many as 4,478 injections were given in one day as medical teams went into the village areas surrounding the Baptist Medical Centre in Nalerigu, where Southern Baptist missionaries first reported the measles outbreak.

Missionaries requested both vaccine and volunteer personnel to help distribute the immunizations when a serious measles outbreak in their area became apparent. About 80 percent of the beds in the pediatrics ward of the hos-

pital held measles victims and each night three or four children died.

Dr. Frances Greenway, missionary physician, said in her initial appeal for help that even healthy children were not surviving this particular strain of measles. Two nurses and a doctor, volunteers from the United States, joined the missionary staff in fighting the outbreak. During the first two weeks, the inoculation program vaccinated 16,950 children.

Another team of volunteers may be needed to help distribute the remaining vaccine. Although the amount of vaccine shipped to missionaries usually makes 50,000 doses, missionaries are using careful inoculation methods to stretch it to 70,000.

## MARCH, 1979

<b>Sunday School</b>	HOME MISSIONS DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, MARCH 11 SEND IN RESERVATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP WEEKS AT GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY, MARCH 1 Reservations not accepted if postmarked before March 1, 1979
<b>Church Training</b>	CONDUCT YOUTH WEEK A special church program designed to focus on the youth of the church and to give them experience in leadership responsibilities. For complete information consult <i>Youth Week Guide</i> , available at the Baptist Book Store. HIGH ATTENDANCE NIGHT IN CHURCH TRAINING, MARCH 25 CONDUCT BAPTIST DOCTRINE STUDY, MARCH 26-30 The March date is "for Mississippi only" and is suggested to coincide with revival preparations throughout the state. The book for adults is <i>The Doctrine of Salvation</i> by C. B. Hogue. Church Training magazine will carry lists of books recommended for each age division.
<b>Church Music</b>	REVIVAL MUSIC PREPARATION Select and prepare music to be used in April Evangelism Crusade SINGING PRAYER MEETING Have a "singing prayer meeting" with prayer and praise through word and song HYMN OF THE MONTH: "There is No Name", #440
<b>Brotherhood</b>	HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING, MARCH 4-11 Program materials can be found in January-March issue of <i>Brotherhood Builder</i> , <i>Baptist Men's Handbook</i> and Royal Ambassador age-level materials
<b>Woman's Missionary Union</b>	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING, MARCH 4-11 Program materials for week to be found in March age-level magazines. Plans for churchwide participation will be found in January-March issue of <i>Dimension</i> magazine. Free materials mailed to WMU director in mid-January. Additional copies may be ordered from state WMU office. RESERVATIONS FOR GA AND ACTEENS CAMPS, CAMP GARAYWA Reservations accepted on first-come-first-served basis
<b>Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries</b>	REMINDER, MARCH 1 Ministers of Education, Ministers of Youth, Associate Pastors, Church Secretaries, Kindergarten/Day Care workers, Deacons, Church Clerks, and the families of each should make reservations for the Church Staff Development Conference, Gulfshore. REMINDER, MARCH 1 Remind all church leaders to make reservations at Gulfshore for their particular conference.
<b>Christian Action Commission</b>	CONSIDER A FAMILY LIFE ENRICHMENT REVIVAL Write the Christian Action Commission, Baptist Building, Jackson, for planning suggestions. REMINDER, MARCH 1 Make reservations for Family Emphasis at Gulfshore.
<b>Stewardship</b>	REMINDERS Send quarterly report of contributions to all members. Enclose a stewardship tract and "Thank You" folder. Show stewardship filmstrips in worship services or department assemblies. Plan to observe Cooperative Program Day, April 15. Order materials from your state Stewardship Department.
<b>Evangelism</b>	EVANGELISM STUDY Study the book, <i>The Evangelistic Church</i> , by Havlik. Available at Baptist Book Store. GOOD NEWS MISSISSIPPI Intensify efforts to prepare for Simultaneous Revivals coming NEXT MONTH. Recheck committee personnel, assignments, progress. Urge all members to join in special prayer events and personal witnessing.

## Brotherhood Training Program Includes Jackson

A \$50,000 training program aimed at preparing every Southern Baptist church and associational Brotherhood officer to lead men and boys in missions was unveiled at the Brotherhood Commission here.

Bob Banks, director of the Program Section of the Commission, said 33 state Brotherhood departments are joining his agency in sponsoring 14 strategically located regional training institutes this spring. One will be in Jackson, March 15-17, at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church.

The three-day institutes will be used to prepare 850 training specialists to orient church and associational Brotherhood officers, Banks said.

The Brotherhood leaders called the nation-wide project the most ambitious training effort the agency and State Brotherhood leaders have ever undertaken.

One of the purposes of the project is to acquaint church and associational Brotherhood leaders in some depth with a series of improvements in Brotherhood work, Banks said.

At the same time, the Brotherhood planners will open portions of the 14 institutes to church and associational Brotherhood leaders in the immediate area who want to get their training early, Banks said.

The Brotherhood leader said he expects at least 1,000 church and associational Brotherhood officers within a 60 mile radius of the institutes to take advantage of the training opportunity.

State Brotherhood leaders are enlisting the training specialists who will help them later in their state and will also enroll church and associational Brotherhood officers who want the personal training, Banks said.

Banks said one of the goals of the giant training project known as Bold

Equipping 1979 is to prepare enough trained leaders to offer a Brotherhood training event in all of the 1,196 Baptist associations in the United States during this calendar year.

The core curriculum for the training specialists will cover Baptist Men's work, Crusader and Pioneer Royal Ambassador work, counselor skills, language Brotherhood work, lay-led revivals, prison ministries, and retirees on mission.

The program also will include overview sessions on world missions conferences, retreats for couples in missions and ministry, bold new laity projects, 1979-82 Bold Mission Thrust, Brotherhood enlargement, and Brotherhood tasks.

Some of the training specialists will personally orient hundreds of church and associational Brotherhood officers, Banks said. He recalled one recent graduate who conducted 150 leader training conferences, going church by church in his association and taking other training assignments from his state Brotherhood director.

Making up the costs of the large training program are travel, rooms, meals and teaching materials for the training specialists. Banks said the Commission and state Brotherhood departments are sharing the costs equally.

**Raleigh, N. C. (RNS)**—North Carolina has asked the state Supreme Court to overturn a Court of Appeals ruling and to order the immediate closing of 11 church-maintained day care centers that have refused to obtain state operating licenses. The centers say such a requirement infringes on their constitutional rights to religious liberty.



## Tops In Percentage Growth

Last year, Dundee Baptist Church was the top church in percentage new increase in Sunday School enrollment with a jump of 225 percent. Pictured is Dundee pastor Gerald Castillo (left) with Bryant Cummings presenting a merit plaque to Castillo. The award to Dundee church and to the other top 20 churches in new increases in Mississippi were given during a luncheon at the Evangelism-Bible Conference in Meridian.

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# Gulfshore Summer Synopsis

As of today, March 1, Mississippi Baptist groups may register and make reservations for summer sessions of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. (Out of state groups may begin on April 1.) Here is a summer schedule with a short synopsis of the various programs offered. For registration information, write: Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. For conference information, write the contact person listed with the synopsis or of: Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

## Gulfshore Sessions

May 21-24	Senior Adult Convention (CT)
May 28-June 1	I—Youth Conference
June 1-5	II—Youth Conference
June 5-9	III—Youth Conference
June 11-15	IV—Youth Conference
June 15-19	V—Youth Conference
June 19-23	VI—Youth Conference
June 23-27	VII—Youth Conference
	(MBCB with coordinators Larry Salter and Larry Garner)
June 28-July 2	Young Musicians Music Conference (CM)
July 2-5	Family Week (CAC)
July 6-7	Christian Action Commission (CAC)
July 9-11	Church Staff Conference (CAPM)
July 11-16	I—Youth Music Conference (CM)
July 16-21	II—Youth Music Conference (CM)
July 26-28	Church Music Leadership Retreat (CM)
July 30-August 1	I—Sunday School Leadership Conference (SS)
August 2-4	II—Sunday School Leadership Conference (SS)
August 6-8	III—Sunday School Leadership Conference (SS)
August 9-11	IV—Sunday School Leadership Conference (SS)
August 13-15	I—Church Training Leadership Conference (CT)
August 16-18	II—Church Training Leadership Conference (CT)
August 20-24	Senior Adult Retreat (CT)

**SENIOR ADULT CONVENTION, May 21-24.** Featured speakers are Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Starkville; P. A. Michel, of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; and David Grant of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson. The convention will be a program-type meeting with all activities together. Contact Kermit King, Church Training Department.

**YOUTH CONFERENCE (seven to choose from):** May 28-June 1, June 1-5; June 5-9; June 11-15; June 15-19; June 19-23; and June 23-27. Sessions will include such topics as: Christian Discipleship, Achieving My Independence, Sex and the Adolescent, What We Believe, How to Live Yourself, Prayer, The Ten Commandments, and Christian Charm Course. Besides a choice of sessions, youths will attend Bible studies, recreation, worship, and have free time. Contact Larry Salter, consultant, Sunday School Department, or Larry Garner, consultant, Church Training Department.

**YOUNG MUSICIANS MUSIC CONFERENCE, June 28-July 2.** Tentative program includes Dick Ham of the Church Music Department, Nashville. The program is for children in grades 4-6. Contact Sarah Talley, Church Music Department.

**FAMILY WEEK, July 2-5.** This is a program for the entire family. John Howell, dean of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will be Bible teacher. Others on the program include Douglas Cole, Ed Lilly, Macklyn Hubbell, and James Travis. Contact Clark Hensley, Christian Action Commission.

**SINGLES WEEKEND RENEWAL, July 6-8.** This is for single adults (never married or formerly married). Theme is "Going Beyond Something More." It includes Bible study, inspirational messages, music, practical conferences and recreation. Contact Clark Hensley, Christian Action Commission.

**PASTOR/CHURCH STAFF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, July 9-11.** The conference is for skill and leadership development of pastors, ministers of education and youth, church secretaries, kindergarten/day care workers, wives of staff, and their families. Conference features Harold Shirley, of First Baptist Church, Talladega, Ala., for Bible study; Truman Brown, Will Beal, Bob Couch, Dot Rieves, Martha Nelson, Tom Larrimore, and Macklyn Hubbell. Contact Leon Emery, Church Administration/Pastoral Ministries Department.

**YOUTH MUSIC CONFERENCE (two to choose from):** July 11-16, July 16-21. Guest choral clinician will be Arnold Epley of Louisiana College. Classes include theory, music literature, hymnology, conducting, voice, and "Know Your Faith, Defend Your Faith." Band members, bring your instruments. Contact Lloyd Mims, Church Music Department.

**CHURCH MUSIC LEADERSHIP RETREAT, July 26-28.** Target groups for the conference will be full-time, part-time and volunteer music directors and spouses: children's choir workers, and keyboard persons. Len Turner, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, will be camp pastor. Contact: Perry Robinson, Church Music Department.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (Four to choose from):** July 30-August 1; August 2-4; August 6-8; and August 9-11. Purpose of the weeks, according to organizers, is to "provide a spiritual environment for rest, relaxation, teaching, training, inspiration and development of a spirit of compassion and caring in the reaching of people for Jesus Christ." Leaders for the first two sessions include Ken Chafin, pastor, South Main Church, Houston, Tex.; the Harold Marshes, of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Al Foy, also of the Sunday School Board; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bacon, of First Church, Clinton. Some of the leaders for the second two sessions include Brooks Wester, pastor, of First Church, Hattiesburg; J. B. Fowler, pastor, First Church, McComb; Dennis Comiff III, of the Sunday School Board; and Mr. and Mrs. David Tyson, of Arkansas. Contact Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Department.

**CHURCH TRAINING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (two to choose from):** August 13-15, and August 16-18. Target audience will be church elected Church Training workers, church staff, and members of adult training groups. Featured faculty includes: Dudley Wilson, Jim Cartwright, and Ethel McIndoo. Contact Norman Rodgers, Church Training Department. (On August 16-18, there will also be a Seminar on Work with the Mentally Retarded. This is for the retarded, their parents, and those who work with them. Doris Monroe of the Sunday School Board will be guest speaker. Contact Evelyn George, Church Training Department.)

**SENIOR ADULT RETREAT, August 20-24.** Featured are Robert Hamblin, pastor, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; speaker: Macklyn Hubbell, pastor, First Church, Cleveland; Bible study leader, and Luther Burney, of First Church, Lafayette, La.; song leader. This retreat offers a study group and sessions geared to senior adult life needs. Contact Kermit King, Church Training Department.

## Premarital Counseling Seminar In Columbia Draws 18 Ministers

A Pastoral Seminar on Premarital Counseling was held February 23-24 at the First Baptist Church in Columbia. Eighteen were in attendance for the event sponsored by the Marion County Baptist Association.

J. Clark Hensley in conducting the seminar presented a five hour approach to premarital counseling. The

approach represented his own personal schedule, methodology, and content used in counseling.

Hensley noted that premarital counseling is a prerequisite for his performing a marriage ceremony. The counseling is designed to enable couples to cope with the many adjustments confronting them in building a happy marriage.

Critical areas of adjustment include the establishment of a separate identity for their marriage, making decisions about functional roles, family planning, conflict management, developing communication skills, accepting social responsibilities in a new relationship, establishing adequate and positive sexual concepts, and finding agreement on spiritual concerns.

Some topics in particular discussed in premarital counseling include budget planning, relationship to parents, the modeling provided by parents, resources for continuing growth, learning how to negotiate, patterns of relationship in family life, and recognizing the significance of feelings in interpersonal relationships.

Various tests that can be used in premarital counseling were considered. Four of those attending participated in an extended session to receive certification in using the Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis. Three of these are pastors in Marion County: Billy Williams, B. Alfred Jones, and David Parry. The fourth pastor receiving certification is Raymon Leake of Richton.

Attention was also given to planning the wedding and the postmarital check-up. Practical ways were also noted for assisting a couple with plans for their honeymoon.

The seminar was projected as a continuing education opportunity for pastors and their wives.

## In-Service Guidance Notes

Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Hollis Bryant, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, were the speakers for recent Student Minister and Wives banquets on the four state Baptist college campuses. Bryant is in charge of In-Service Training for the Board.

Those on program at William Carey College were Jerry Oswalt, Joseph Ernest, and Ralph Noonkester. On program at Mississippi College were Phillips McCarty, Charles Martin, and Lewis Nobles. At Blue Mountain College were James Travis, William Washburn, and Harold Fisher. At Clarke College were Charles Melton, Gary Garner, and A. C. Johnson.

The religious education professors at the four Baptist colleges: Jerry Oswalt, William Carey; Phillips McCarty, Mississippi College; James Travis, Blue Mountain; and Charles Melton, Clarke College, met with Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, and Bryant for a fellowship planning meeting, February 16-17 at Lake Tlak-O'Khata, Louisville.

Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, along with Bryant were the speakers for In-Service Guidance fellowships at Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ircel Harrison, BSU Director for Mississippi State University, was in charge of the banquet January 18.

Louie Farmer, BSU Director for the University of Southern Mississippi, was in charge of the fellowship February 8.

Student Minister and Wives Banquets will also be held at the University of Mississippi, March 5, BSU Director in charge is Ron Boswell; and at Delta State University, March 15. BSU Director there is James Breland.

## Evangelism Conference Tapes Available

Cassette tapes of the 1979 Evangelism/Bible Conference are available from Wayne Long Taping Service, P. O. Box 145, Lambert, Mississippi 38643. All tapes are \$3.00 each. The tapes available are:

Clyde Francisco, "The Bad News"; George Harrison, "The Christian Posture"; Earl Davis, "The Need For Prayer"; Clyde Francisco, "Motive for Evangelism";

John Bisagno, "We Can Win The World Now"; Russell Bush, "Paul's Method and Message"; C. B. Hogue, "Lord, It Is Time For You To Work"; E. V. Hill, "Prelude To A Jesus Takeover"; C. B. Hogue, "A Commitment to Boldness";

Fisher Humphrey, "The Atonement"; George Harrison, "The Doctrine of Sin"; C. B. Hogue, "The Doctrine of Salvation"; Russell Bush, "The Trinity";

Earl Davis, "Sanctification and Regeneration"; James Riley, "Election"; Clyde Francisco, "Baptism"; Donald Ackland, "Perseverance of the Saints."

## Horn Lake Conference Will Be Delayed

Due to the inclement weather in North Mississippi the completion of the First Baptist Church of Horn Lake building has been delayed.

The Church Building Conference scheduled for March 5, 1979, has been changed to May 1, 1979.

The time for the meeting will be 1:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

March 4-11 Home Missions Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 5 Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conf., FBC, Raleigh, 7:00-9:00 p. m.

March 5-6 Area Coordinator Specialized Training, Baptist Bldg., Jackson, 1:00 p. m., 5th-noon, 6th (Brotherhood)

March 6 Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conf., Forest Baptist Church, Forest, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

March 10 Summer Youth Ministries Workshop, Mississippi Delta Jr. College, Moorhead, 9:00 a. m.-4:00 p. m. (Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries)

## WMU

## Seminars Will Give Personal Growth Guidance

Setting guidelines for communication, use of time, and goals and priorities, is the purpose of a series of woman's seminars beginning in March.

The seminars, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, will offer suggestions for personal growth, fulfillment in life and on the role of woman in the home, church, and community.

March 26 is the first date for the seminars. The rest are in May. The March 26 session will take place at First Baptist Church, Louisville. Each session will convene 10 a. m.-2 p. m. and 6:30-9 p. m. The other sessions will be May 17 at First Baptist Church, Oxford; May 21 at Clarksdale Baptist Church; May 22 at First Baptist Church, Winona; and May 24 at First Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Leaders for the five seminars will be Charlotte (Mrs. Barry) Landrum, Bossier City, La., and Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women Director, Mississippi WMU.

The programs are aimed at women age 30 and above. There will be divided conferences for ages 30-45 and 46 and older. Then the entire group will meet together.

Pre-registration is required at \$5 per person which includes a light snack. Send reservations in no later than one week prior to intended seminar to Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

## Revival Dates

Crestview Church, Petal: March 4-9; Sam Wolfe, Huntsville, Ala., evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Jr., music evangelist; services Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; weekday 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Raymond Parkin, pastor.

Thursday, March 1, 1979

BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 3

## The Missions Task

## Remember! Repent! Renew!

By John Alexander, Director  
Stewardship Department

A worker returning from associational meetings recently remarked, "I'm beginning to understand why there is so much unrest in the churches. We're just not doing anything!"

This was the lament of the risen Lord against the church at Sardis: "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead" (Rev. 3:1).

The most expensive luxury in the world is a dead church. It is absolutely incredible and unbelievable that the Christ of the cross can be pleased with a lifeless church. In Sardis their reputation was one thing, the reality another.

The risen Lord admonishes the living dead in Sardis, "Wake up" — be thou watchful. They were asleep to the priorities of Christian worship, service, and outreach. "Strengthen what remains" — help what evidences of life that can be found — fan the flame.

What was the evidence of their living death: "... for I have found no works of thine perfected (completed) before my God." This church had become sloppy in its duty to God and man. Its flame of zeal was but a tiny glow, all but extinguished.

What was the remedy for Sardis' living death? "Remember" — many of us need to return to the memory of our conversion — the warm glow — the desire to serve — the love of worship and Bible study — the meaning of prayer and witness — the joy of giving. Christ calls on the church blighted by living death to remember.

"Repent" — change your mind — change your direction — change your ways. If there is to be a change in our report of this year, everything down-down-down, then first must be some genuine "repentance" before God. We have lost it in our hearts, our heads, and in the works of our hands. We are no longer on a mission for Christ.

The risen Lord reminds the Sardis Church that he will not hold his anger forever. He loves the church and will take action if they do not take action. As long as there are lost people to be won, Christians to be taught, strengthened and committed, Christ is not pleased with any congregation failing to seriously and meaningfully try to minister in His name.

"Renew" — there is always God's faithful remnant — it was so at Sardis. A few in Sardis had not defiled their garments — had not become entangled with the world. It is not necessary for a church to content itself with limping along with the "faithful few." It needs the multitudes if it is to make its best effort for Christ.

"Rewards" — those who pay the price to be effective are assured the companionship of Christ in their activities, eternal life, and intercession made in their behalf before God and his angels.

"Advice" — "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." The way to keep our hearts warm and our hands busy doing the right things through the churches is by listening attentively to the Spirit of God who speaks to the churches. He speaks through scripture, to the inner man, through experience, through preachers, teachers, and spiritual leaders. When we get so entangled with the garment-soiling things of this world we will soon be in trouble with God. Not one of us is too big or important or influential to escape the eye of the Almighty!

Remember! Repent! Renew! It's the sure cure for a church with a case of living-death.

Tears are often the telescope by which men see far into heaven.  
—Henry Ward Beecher

## Agricultural Missions Meet Is In Tupelo

The Tupelo-based Agricultural Missions Foundation, Limited, will hold its annual meeting March 2 at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Guest speaker will be John Cheyne, who heads the disaster and relief office for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Special music will be brought by Bob and Jan Salley of World Hunger Relief, in Waco, Tex. These two have dedicated their income to world hunger.

Missionary presentations will be made by Ray Eitelman, agricultural missionary in Upper Volta, Africa; by Darrell Garner, agricultural missionary to Malawi, Africa; by Tom Thurman, field evangelism in Bangladesh; and by Elmin Howell, coordinator of the Texas Baptist Rio Grande Ministry.

The board meeting begins at 2 p. m. Supper is at 5:30 and the general session with mission program is at 7 p. m.

Springfield, Mo. (RNS) — The Assemblies of God, one of the major traditional Pentecostal Churches, reports it is experiencing a surge of membership growth largely due to increasing numbers of "new charismatics." An Assemblies spokesman here said membership has grown from some 625,000 in 1969 to 751,000 in 1974 and 939,312 members as of June 1978, with Sunday school membership now 1.28 million.

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## Editorials

### Alaska, Hawaii . . .

## Mississippians Leave Their Tracks

The almost fairyland setting of our largest state, Alaska, was the location for this year's meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association. This is the national organization of editors of Southern Baptist state papers.

What a worthwhile trip it was. For many years the national organization of state executive secretaries and the editors have met at the same time and the same place, though the meetings are held separately. Each year it is a good experience.

Each year the editors have an opportunity to get together to compare notes, to talk shop, to listen to experts in the field, to discuss advertising, to consider circulation, and to get a feel of the circumstances of the area in which the meeting is held. For the most part the meetings are held in one of the Southern states. From time to time, however, rather than asking those in the pioneer areas to come to us, we meet in their areas and are always enriched by becoming somewhat acquainted with the demands of seeking to spread the gospel in difficult places such as they are.

This was only the second trip to such a faraway place as Alaska. The first was to Hawaii 12 years ago. This was a meaningful trip. There is no question but that the work in Alaska is hard, but the Christian witness is needed in that

state just as much as it is needed anywhere. An indication of this is the statement by an Alaskan social worker that the No. 1 problem of the state is alcoholism.

### Invested Ministry

Into this place of service several Mississippians have invested a good portion of their ministry. Troy Prince was the executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention until a heart attack in the fall slowed him down. His last week there was the week of the editors' and the secretaries' meetings.

Hollis Bryant, consultant in the Cooperative Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spent several years in the Alaskan work.

One of the most interesting of the Alaskan workers is a Mississippian from Corinth—Valeria Sherard. She has been there for 25 years, and has found a way of serving in almost every section of the state. She has lived with the Indians and the Eskimos in the same primitive conditions that they have had, and she has become their friend.

Miss Sherard spoke to the editors the last night we were there, and it was an inspiring occasion. Many Mississippians know her already, but it was a delight for the writer to meet her for

the first time on this trip.

The small portion of our largest state that we saw has a compelling atmosphere about it. This first visit was delightful.

### Little Additional

We found that for just a little additional expense travelers on the way to Alaska can go to Hawaii. The McGregors looked deep into the pocketbook and decided to make the trip there. We have sort of a beachhead established in Hawaii and wanted to go over to check up. My uncle, my father's brother, decided after being in Hawaii in the Navy during World War II that he would go back as a self-sustained missionary. He and his wife, childless at the time, went there in 1947. They got into the work while supporting themselves and made their mark. They are now retired and still on the islands. Soon after they arrived they adopted two children. The first was a Caucasian boy, who now lives in Memphis. The second was an Oriental girl, who grew up to be a lovely young lady. She is now Mrs. Edmond Walker Jr., the daughter-in-law of the executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. He also serves as editor of the convention's newspaper. Mrs. Walker Jr. was Hazel McGregor before her marriage. It was a rare treat to have a chance to visit my uncle and

aunt and Edmond Walker Sr., the Edmond Walkers Jr., and my young cousin, Shannon. Also I have another cousin from the McGregor clan who is married to a Navy chaplain stationed in Hawaii. We had a fine visit with them.

Of greatest interest to Mississippians, however, was our opportunity of visiting with the Joe Odles. Dr. Odle, the retired former editor of the Baptist Record, has been interim pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor for about eight months. I can only report that they have enjoyed this ministry immensely. And as Dr. Odle is so capable of doing, he has helped to establish a very healthy climate in the church as the new pastor is getting ready to assume his duties about April 1. The Odles expect to arrive home on March 21.

They have discovered some of the real beauty spots of the island of Oahu. Though time was short, they took us to their favorites. They also invited us to spend three nights with them in their apartment, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean.

They will be glad to get home, but they will feel sad for having to leave Hawaii.

And the Baptists at Pearl Harbor will hate to see them go. —DTM

### New SBC Executive Secretary . . .

## Harold Bennett Is Excellent Choice

Harold Bennett, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

It was an excellent choice. Congratulations are in order to Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, and his search committee for the decision to recommend Dr. Bennett.

Harold Bennett has been highly regarded wherever he has served. When

my father was associational missionary for Hope Association in Arkansas, Dr. Bennett was my parents' pastor at Beech Street Church in Texarkana. They are particularly fond of the Bennetts. During those years I had opportunity of meeting Dr. Bennett and visiting with him on several occasions.

Then, as associate editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas when Dr. Bennett was director of the Mission Division of the Executive Board staff

of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. His work was well thought of there.

His work in Florida has been considered outstanding.

Both of the Bennetts are charming, able, and gracious personalities. They will fit the SBC situation very well, and Dr. Bennett is very well qualified to take on the job of executive secretary-treasurer. Before the Executive Committee on the night of his election and later before a press conference

made up of both secular and Baptist journalists he exhibited a great deal of poise and ability.

We congratulate Dr. Bennett on his election to this post and wish him the very best as he takes up his duties Aug. 1.

The Baptist Record did not enter into any speculation as to who would be the next SBC executive secretary. I had my choice ahead of the election, however.

It was Harold Bennett. —DTM

### Alternate Pastor, Layman

Editor:

I overheard a conversation among Baptist men the other day, professional men they were, discussing the leadership role in the State Baptist Convention. These men were disappointed at the encoachment of pastors relative to offices held in the State Baptist Convention.

One observed that he liked very much the procedure used a few years ago of alternating a pastor with a layman as president of the Convention. He wondered why this practice was discontinued.

Having been gone from Mississippi for several years, I had forgotten that Mississippi once followed the course of alternating in that manner. After hearing this query raised, I am writing you and asking the same question this layman asked.

Unless there was a very good reason for the change, I wish to speak as a pastor in behalf of these men and bring the question to all who receive The Baptist Record. We pastors are always registering the complaint that laymen do very little in the church and denomination. Obviously, these men can do no more than the opportunities which are presented to them.

Committees, board positions, and

offices of leadership in the Convention certainly should be shared by the pastors with the laymen. And I personally think something should be done about this immediately.

I particularly hold to this position about alternating a layman with a pastor for the president of the State Convention. Without hesitation, I should like to recommend very strenuously that the custom be restored.

Jimmy Hodges, pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Waynesboro

A tradition of many years standing was broken in 1974, when James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, was elected to succeed David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson. There didn't seem to be any overt effort to overthrow a tradition. The messengers just wanted to elect Richardson.

The practice of alternating laymen and pastors is fine with the realization that there are more pastors whose schedules can be adopted to the demands of the presidency than there are laymen who can get away from business. Thus the pattern might have to be broken from time to time. Glenn Perry was the last layman, and he was elected in 1970. — Editor

### Mississippi College Rifles

Editor:

During the recent Bicentennial celebration, an effort was made by Dr. Frank Hood of the Mississippi College faculty and others to secure maximum information about the Mississippi College Rifles, a group of Civil War soldiers who formed Company E of the 18th Mississippi Regiment in 1861.

Although considerable work has been done on the Rifles' history, additional information is needed concerning individual members. In all likelihood, old letters, diaries, memoirs, and scrapbooks are scattered throughout Mississippi and elsewhere in the homes of relatives and friends. If any of the readers have any information about the members of the original company identified below or subsequent additions, please contact Dr. Frank Hood or Dr. Edward McMillan, at Mississippi College immediately. They can make arrangements to either borrow or secure copies of appropriate materials that are located and identified.

The roster included Capt. J. W. Welborne, First Lt. Cuddy Thomas, Second Lt. J. H. York, Third Lt. Joseph Buckles, and the following privates: George Allen, John H. Ball, E. G. Banks, R. P. Bramlett, C. B. Beauchamp, L. M. Baldwin, William R. Chambliss, Mike J. Carney, C. C. Crum, Preston Davis, T. Farrar, J. M. Farrar, F. L. Fulgham, S. C. Granberry, Tobias Gibson, W. J. Green, W. E. Hamberlen, Z. D. Holliday, P. W. Hamell, P. W. Humphries, R. T. Haley, D. T. Henderson, Augustus Harris, H. Hartman, George W. Kibbee, D. B. Lowe, W. H. Lewis, T. S. Lewis, C. P. Moffett, Andrew McAlister, Henry Miller, Robert Parish, Edwin Paterson, H. L. Quinn, Peter Snider, George Swegart, P. H. Sibley, S. H. Stephens, J. H. Thornton, M. J. Thigpen, W. H. Thomas, A. B. Thomas, L. C. Terrell, W. F. Toombs, Solomon Weil, S. T. White and L. W. York.

Edward McMillan  
Graduate Dean  
Mississippi College

### Harrisburg Reaches Out

Editor:

We wish to publicly thank the members of the team who were with us last week (January 27 - February 3) here on the island of Dominica in the Caribbean. This team, coordinated by Mrs. Sue Simpson, was from the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo. Thirteen team members arrived on the island to share Christ in deed as well as in word. Days were spent in a variety of ministries. A dental clinic was provided free to those who needed teeth extracted. A nurse and medical student dispensed medication for the eradication of parasites and skin problems. Sewing machines were brought and several Dominicans were taught sewing by making sheets and hospital gowns for the local hospital. Some of the men helped clear a lot to erect a new auditorium for the Deliverance Baptist Church. Each night Dr. Robert Hamblin preached evangelistic messages at this church.

Lives of Dominicans are always touched by those who come to minister in Christ's name. Many professed Christ. Our lives as missionaries are enriched as we see physical and spiritual needs of these our people

being met. We therefore extend to them our sincerest appreciation. We hope other Mississippi Baptist Churches will be challenged to reach out into the uttermost parts of the world. We encourage pastors and laymen to offer you talents in response to the Bold Mission Thrust.

Harrisburg Baptist Church will be sending another group to Dominica in late February to erect a building. I know it is exciting to be a part of this church where missions is not something you read or hear about, but where you can be actively involved! From our missionaries, Fred and Betty Walker, Box 174, Roseau, Dominica

### Preaching Evangelists

Editor:

I want to express a word of appreciation to those involved in planning the Evangelism-Bible Conference held in Meridian. While I have always been inspired by these conferences, this particular one was especially challenging and inspiring. I hope the combining of the two conferences into one will continue.

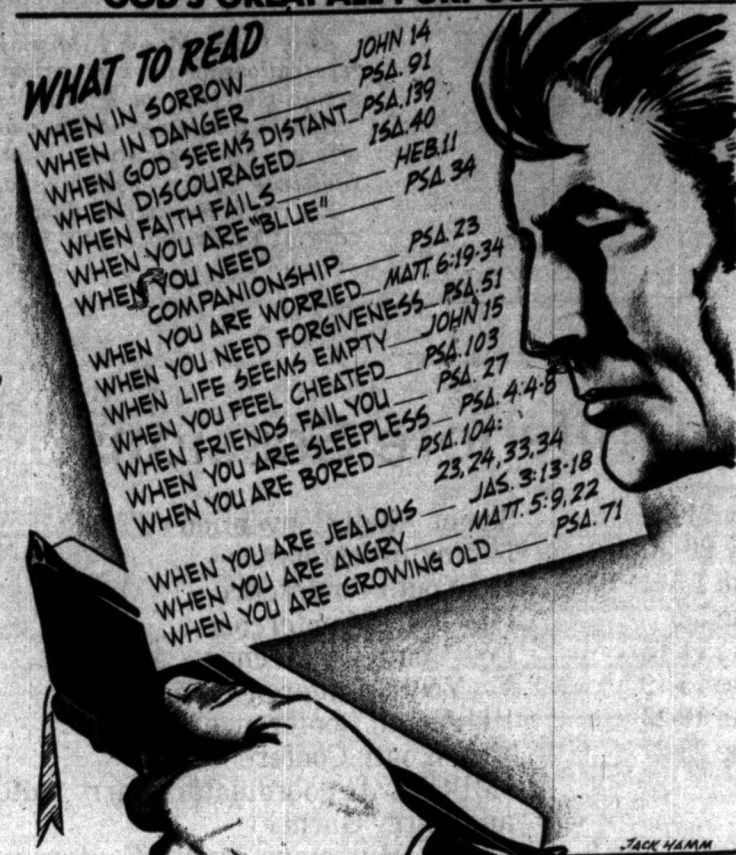
I want to offer a suggestion. It was very beneficial to me as a pastor to be exposed first-hand to the music evangelists who were allowed time on the program. I would like to see a similar opportunity offered to preaching evangelists during the next conference. Perhaps they could bring Bible Treasures, lead in prayers, or preside over sessions. I believe that pastors would welcome the exposure to these men, and that it might benefit both pastors and the preaching evangelists. Because of the lack of personal knowledge or even exposure to these men, many pastors are reluctant to use them. This, to me, is a very tragic thing because it robs many congregations of rich blessings during revival meetings.

I would appreciate it if you would print this letter, and ask for reactions to the suggestion. I am sending a similar letter to Bro. Collum.

Thank you for the fine job you and the other staff members of the Baptist Record are doing.

Doug Warren, Pastor  
Calvary Church  
Silver Creek

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## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Even In The Rain

Of all the places in the world, I think the most beautiful must be the clean, high hamlet of Spiez, Switzerland, with its ancient castle and little harbor on Lake Thun.

Stepping from the train and looking down on the village is like stepping into a picture book. The curving cobbled lanes are lined with fir trees and red maples, apple trees and willows. In fenced yards the enormous marigolds are perfect. Almost every house has window boxes, overflowing with red and pink geraniums.

Between the houses and the green-blue lake a stretch of level field is planted with carrots and asparagus.

The castle has turrets sprouting from its rooftop, and an archway topped by a bell. A garden of red roses separates the castle from the 11th century church, and a grapevine clings to a rock wall below it.

A ferry boat waits beside the pier and I board it at dusk for the five-minute ride across the lake to Gunten. As lights flick on around the water I am aware of the mighty Alps on every side, and I can identify with Moses as he took off his shoes before the burning bush.

At the Baptist Record office we get Highlights — a newsletter to churches of the European Baptist Convention (English-language). When I saw a story in it of Julia Tanner's experiences at the European Baptist Assembly in Interlaken, Switzerland, I read it eagerly.

It had been raining all week, she said, while she was in Interlaken, but Monday dawned to sunshine. When her husband went off to a meeting Julia decided to take her two children, John, 7, and Kristen, 3, around Lake Thun by train to Thun, and then return by boat. The train stopped briefly several times and then made one stop that

seemed unusually long. Julia began to feel uneasy, afraid they would miss the last boat. Finally the whistle blew and the doors closed. She looked up as the station name slid by — it was Thun!

"At first, she panicked. Then she thought they could get off at the next stop. But there seemed to be no next stop. She got up, planning to search for the conductor, but saw that Kristen was asleep and sat back down. In nervous agitation she walked to the end of the car and back. Finally she took both children with her to find the conductor. That kind man told her the next stop was Bern, where she could get a train back to Spiez and change trains there for Interlaken. (He promised he would neither send her to jail for having no ticket, or charge her extra for the extra ride.)

On the way from Bern to Spiez she and John were looking out the window. The rain had started again, and Julia kept thinking how she would like to see Switzerland without having to look through the rain.

As the rain drops traveled down the window pane, John was tracing their crooked, wobbly paths with his finger. He said, "Mom, do you know what I'm doing?"

"Following rain drops with your finger."

"Oh, no, Mom."

"Then what?" she asked in irritation.

"I'm pretending the rain drop is me, and my finger is Jesus. Every place I go, Jesus goes with me. Even when I just stop and don't do anything, Jesus waits for me. That's how it is with Jesus, Mom."

For the first time that week Julia was grateful for the rain.

"I learned something," she wrote, "I had known for a long time, from a seven year old boy and some rain drops. No matter where you go, Jesus is always there — even in the rain."

## Book Reviews

HEIRS OF PROMISE by Elmer L. Gray; published by the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California; 200 pages; paperback; \$3.50; printed by California Baptist Press; available through Baptist Book Store, Fresno, Calif.

This is a chronicle of California Southern Baptists from 1940 through 1978 written by the editor of the California Southern Baptist. The writer breaks the history into periods and follows agencies and areas of work step-by-step through each period. He concludes the book with the challenge that faces California because of the firm foundation that has been laid over the past 38 years. The 1979 Home Mission Study is on California and is titled "California Journey."

This writer found the book interesting because of a brief involvement in that history and because of the close personal friendship with many of the people who have been and are so dramatically involved in the history of that interesting and challenging state. —DTM

THE HOLY SPIRIT, Activating God's Power in Your Life; Billy Graham; Word Books, Waco, Texas; 224 pages; \$7.95.

The author says there is a great deal of misunderstanding among many Christians concerning the Holy Spirit. His book comes as the result of a systematic study for his own benefit, originally with no intention of writing a book. He seeks to close the gap of understanding. His main emphasis is to point out that the Holy Spirit is active in the world today and that there is nothing that God is that the Holy Spirit is not.

He discusses who is the Holy Spirit? what does He do? where did He come from? what is He doing in the world today? what is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? how does He communicate with His creatures? why did He enter the world? and what is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I WAS A STRANGER by John Winthrop Hackett (Houghton Mifflin, \$8.95, 219 pp.) General Hackett was a regular soldier for over 35 years, holding several high British posts as well as that of Commander, Northern Army Group, NATO. From 1968 to 1975 he was principal of King's College, London. During World War II he was wounded while fighting the Germans in Holland. The Dutch underground smuggled him out of a German-held hospital, and the de Noij family of Ede, Holland, cared for him as one of their own. The remarkable story tells of his escape to England, including 12 miles by canoe along the stormy River Waal by night. Hackett's account of the courage and determination of the family and their friends, of the village and people of Holland is profoundly stirring.

This book shows how the religious beliefs of the family helped to strengthen them through an impossible time. As Martin Blumenson wrote, "The central theme of Sir John Hackett's book is not war; it is love, and the devotion which overcomes all obstacles. . . . It is a fine book, a moving story of steadfastness and devotion to the highest human values. . . ."

A PIECE OF ME IS MISSING by Marilyn Cram Donahue (Tyndale, paper, \$2.95, 120 pp.) "In the daily routine, many women miss out on the abundant life because they allow their vision to drop," says this writer. "Their world becomes limited to the top of the broom handle. It's as though a piece of them is missing." In this book Marilyn Cram Donahue presents 12 months' worth of practical suggestions for helping women recover the missing elements of life and become the people God intended them to be. For each month, Mrs. Donahue chooses a self-improvement theme that fits in with the time of year and with ideas usually associated with that month. It is a superb piece of writing.

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# Executive Committee Names Chief; Nixes 7th Seminary

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fairs Committee, the SBC Operating Budget, and for seminary endowment. The capital needs budget would go to Golden Gate Seminary in the amount of \$1,314,000 for library and faculty offices, to Southeastern Seminary (\$600,000) for housing and faculty offices, to Southern Seminary (\$528,000) for WMU Hall renovation, and to the Brotherhood Commission (\$58,000) for a training center.

If adopted by the convention, the \$12 million Bold Mission Thrust budget will be distributed 40 percent to the Foreign Mission Board, 40 percent to the Home Mission Board, 12 percent to the Radio and Television Commission, and 8 percent to the seminaries.

## Program Statement

A program statement for the six seminaries was adopted to replace the one now appearing in the convention's Organization Manual. The objective for the seminaries is stated as "to provide theological education, with the Bible as the center of the curriculum, for God-called men and women to meet the needs for trained leadership in the work of the churches. The seminaries utilize scholarship with reverent concern and dependence upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They are Baptist institutions witnessing to the truth revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They help the Convention by study of the life of the Convention and by involvement in Convention programs."

Four programs were outlined. They were pre-baccalaureate theological education for high school graduates, basic theological education for college graduates, advanced professional theological education for seminary graduates who have evidenced superior performance, and advanced research theological education to equip selected persons for teaching and research.

The structure discussed education and consultation and counsel; and relationships were discussed to one another, to other agencies, and to accrediting agencies.

## No New Seminary

The committee determined that a seventh seminary in the northern area of the United States is not feasible in acting upon a recommendation to the convention by Jack Griz, editor of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma. The six seminaries were asked to extend their ministries to meet the needs of the northern areas.

During the session a layman, C. E. Price of Pittsburgh, Pa., a vice-president for Westinghouse, presented ways in which laymen could aid the total concept of Bold Mission Thrust, both in financing and in activities. The Executive Committee called for a committee of five persons to meet with a group of laymen headed by Price to consider the proposals and report back in September.

During the convention in Atlanta the question was raised as to the propriety of agencies funded by the Cooperative Program charging for their services.



The Harold Bennetts stand in the middle of the reception line following his election as successor to Porter Routh, who is at left. Mrs. Routh is second from left, and Dr. and Mrs. Brooks Wester are at right.

The Executive Committee outlined a three-phased program whereby such agencies may charge for the recovery of reasonable costs for services rendered; for materials provided; or for conferences, seminars, or training sessions.

## Retirement Program

The committee established a new retirement program to become effective Jan. 1. Funding will begin March 1. It sets up 40 percent of the retirement annuity for rental allowance and establishes a maximum retirement benefit of 50 percent of salary. The present retirement is a maximum of 42 1/2 percent of salary. A 50 percent survivor annuity is provided, and the package will be funded with a contribution plan amounting to 10 percent of salary.

The new plan doubtless came as a result of the discovery that the retirement benefits for Porter Routh would fall short of 50 percent and additional funds were necessary to bring them to that figure.

A 2 percent cost of living increase was given Executive Committee personnel retroactive to Jan. 1. A 6 percent increase had been voted in September, and it began Oct. 1. A 5 percent merit raise increment is built into the budget.

The committee will recommend to the convention that the 1984 convention be held June 8-15 in Kansas City and the 1985 convention be June 7-14 in Dallas.

The sum of \$6,000 was advanced to the Committee on Order of Business for the Wednesday night session of the convention to be in the Houston astro-dome. The session is to be telecast all over the nation by means of satellite. An offering will be taken to recover the funds, and any over the \$6,000 will go to the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board for Bold Mission Advance.

The convention secretaries were given a 10 percent increase in their honorariums. It has been \$800 each. They are Martin Bradley and Lee Porter, both of Nashville.

The committee decided that in the event of funds listed as Cooperative



Earl Kelly, right, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, greets Harold Bennetts during a reception following Bennetts' election as executive secretary-treasurer-elect for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Program coming to the Southern Baptist Convention without being designated the total amount would be divided with the state convention in which the donor lived in the same percentage as the state shares the Cooperative Program receipts.

## SBC Logo

The committee took note that the new SBC logo, adopted during the convention in Atlanta, has been registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and reserved exclusively for such uses as SBC agencies, organizations, and official representatives shall determine. It was decided that rules and regulations for the use will be kept at a minimum. No permits are required for use in SBC life. Slight adaptations may be made, and colors may be used. The use on commercial products will be primarily through the Baptist Book Stores and the Sunday School Board.

Following Bennetts' election on Tuesday evening of the session, a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Bennetts, Dr. and Mrs. Routh, and Dr. and Mrs. Brooks Wester was held in the parlor of the Baptist Building. Wester, pastor

of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is chairman of the Executive Committee and served as chairman of the search committee that made the recommendation for the new executive secretary. He was appointed to that position by the previous chairman.

Bennetts is from Asheville, N. C. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southern Seminary. He has an honorary doctor of laws degree from Stetson University in Florida.

He was a Navy aviator during World War II and answered the call to the ministry while in the service. He had student pastorates at Wake Forest, N. C. and Westpoint, Ky. Following graduation from Southern Seminary with a master of divinity degree he became associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La. for 2 1/2 years. He was pastor of Beech Street Baptist Church of Texarkana, Ark., for 4 1/2 years and then became superintendent of new work for the Sunday School Board. He was there two years before becoming secretary of the Department of Metropolitan Missions for the Home Mission Board for two years just prior to moving to the Texas position. In Nashville he was interim pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church.

He is the immediate past president of the Association of Baptist State Executive Secretaries. Bennetts' salary will be \$45,843 annually, which is slightly less than Routh's present salary, according to the announcement made before his election. The total package including insurance and annuity will be \$52,374.

In a press conference following the committee session Routh indicated that he intends to maintain his home in Nashville, but he has plans for seminary lectureships during the next two years. He will teach on Baptist history and denominational administration. These courses will be taught at Midwestern, Southeastern, and Golden Gate seminaries. He said he is looking forward to sharing with the young ministers of the denomination the work of the denomination so that they may more easily feel a part of the work.

## Taiwanese Feel Betrayed

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on Taiwan. "Two missionary couples have gone to Taiwan since President Carter's announcement. We have a couple in orientation who are going to Taiwan and others are moving toward appointment."

As far as work on mainland China is concerned, Hays said that the Foreign Mission Board stands ready to do all it can to meet any opportunities on the mainland but that it is too early to know what to expect.

## Recommended 1979-80 Cooperative Program Basic Operating Budget.

Foreign Mission Board	\$33,352,658
Home Mission Board	13,375,000
Annuity Board	325,000
Golden Gate Seminary	1,279,564
Midwestern Seminary	1,324,514
New Orleans Seminary	2,342,835
Southeastern Seminary	2,317,319
Southern Seminary	3,440,372
Southwestern Seminary	4,182,888
Southern Baptist Foundation	181,900
American Seminary	160,500
Brotherhood Commission	615,250
Christian Life Commission	449,400
Education Commission	310,300
Historical Commission	235,400
Radio-TV Commission	3,210,000
Stewardship Commission	294,250
Public Affairs Committee	272,850
SBC Operating Budget	704,000
Seminary Endowment*	126,000

Total \$68,500,000

\*To match Golden Gate endowment per agreement with Seminary Allocation and Distribution Formula.

## HMB To Pay Tribute To The Volunteer

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sions. The meeting officially begins on Thursday night and closes on Sunday, enabling laypersons to use their weekend to attend.

"It is more than fitting that a national conference give recognition to this army of volunteers," Tanner said. "Without them, missions in the United States in the 80s will limp or crawl. With them, missions hold the promise of accomplishing the objectives of Bold Mission Thrust: evangelizing and congregationalizing our nation."

Appointed missionaries were Fred and Mollie Anderton of Albertville, Ala. They will serve as catalytic language missionaries in the Boston area for the Baptist General Association of New England.

The Andertons were foreign missionaries in Italy from 1964 until 1978. He was pastor of churches in Indiana, Kentucky and Alabama, is a graduate of Samford University and holds a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Anderton is a graduate of Judson College.

Appointed missionary associates were: Arthur and Charlene Bingham of Dayton, Ohio; Terry and Ginger

McIlvain of Wichita, Kan.; Tom and Betty Masaki of Honolulu, Hawaii; Jim and Irene Murphy of Warner Robins, Ga.; and Gwen Williams of Louisiana.

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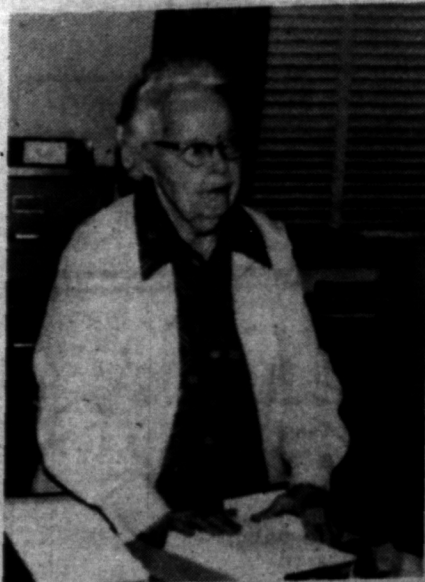
## Do You Have An Attic Or A Trunk? Please Look For Old Baptist Records

By Anne McWilliams

"If you collect old newspapers or if you have an old trunk that might be hiding old papers, please look to see if you have any old Baptist Records. If you know anyone whose ancestors may have stowed away old Baptist Records, please ask them to make a thorough search. If anybody finds any Baptist Records dated before 1899, please send them to Don McGregor, editor, The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205."

This is the plea of Miss Edwina Robinson of Jackson, who has since her retirement as state WMU executive secretary been working on an index of the Baptist Record. The project, which will include an index of all available Records from 1877 to the present, is almost complete.

"The Baptist Record is beginning the second year of its second century of existence," Miss Robinson said, "and it may be now or never to locate some of the missing issues."



Miss Edwina Robinson files index cards for the Baptist Record. She is nearing the end of her project of indexing the Record from 1877 through 1979.



Miss Robinson, left, and Mrs. Alice Cox display some of the oldest issues of the 102-year-old Baptist Record.

Bound copies of the Baptist Record, every year since 1898, for use by the public, are kept in the Mississippi Baptist historical collection on the second floor of the library at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Every Baptist Record issue available has been microfilmed, from 1877 to the present, and microfilms are kept with the bound copies.

## Gaps: 1877-1899

However, there are some big gaps in the collection from 1877 to 1899. The very first issue of the Record, Feb. 1, 1877, is missing, as are 11 other issues of 1877. The oldest copy in the microfilmed collection is Feb. 8, 1877.

Out of 1,696 papers printed between 1877 and 1899, there are 540 issues missing. Twenty-three issues of 1878 are

lost; for 1879, all the issues following June 12 are gone, plus May 22, May 29, and June 12.

For 1880: All of January, February, March, April, and May are missing, besides June 24, July 8, Aug. 5, Sept. 9, and Dec. 30. Four issues are gone for 1881; twenty-three issues for 1882; nineteen issues for 1883; twenty-three issues for 1884; seventeen issues for 1885; all issues for 1887 and 1888 are gone.

For 1889 twenty issues are missing; 1890 and 1891, all issues have been lost; 1892, twelve issues; for 1893, twenty-six issues; for 1894, all of January, February, March, April, May, and September, plus 14 other issues; 1896, fifteen issues; for 1895, nineteen issues; for 1897, five issues; for 1898, twenty-one issues; and for 1899, three issues, June 8 and 15, and July 6.

Any old papers found would be valuable, and the Baptist Record would be glad to get them. It would not matter if some were duplicates of ones already in hand.

## A Fire

One or more fires destroyed many of the Baptist Records of the 19th century. One such fire occurred in January, 1886, when J. B. Gambrell, the first editor, moved the office of the paper from Clinton to Jackson.

Gambrell's son, Roderick Dhu, had been fighting for prohibition, and his enemies among the liquor crowd burned the building in Jackson the night after the elder Gambrell moved his equipment, books, and papers there. How many old issues of the Record Gambrell had saved up until that time is not known. (Later Roderick Dhu was murdered by the liquor gang, as he crossed the bridge over Town Creek on Capitol Street.)

## Index In Clinton

As Miss Robinson has indexed the Baptist Record she has filed the index cards in the office of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, so that they would be near the bound and micro-

filmed Records. She has made cards for titles of articles, names of people and churches, and on many general subjects (though there is not a complete subject index.)

Call 924-6172

This index should prove to be of immeasurable value to researchers, particularly in Baptist history. Anyone who wishes to find out when some article was printed in the Baptist Record, in the past, can find out by calling the Historical Commission, 924-6172.

Miss Robinson said that she has tried very hard to fill the gaps of missing papers, but has almost exhausted her resources. She has written to seminary libraries, to the Virginia Baptist state paper and some other state Baptist papers, and to the Dargan-Carver Library at the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Descendants of editors may have kept Old Baptist Records. Or descendants of Mississippians who now live in other states could possibly be owners of old Baptist Records.

The Historical Commission, in addition to Baptist Records, keeps association minutes, biographical files on outstanding Mississippi Baptists, church files, subject files (materials about Baptists in Mississippi) and books related to the history of Mississippi Baptists.

Mrs. R. A. McLemore is acting executive secretary of the Commission. Her assistant, Mrs. Alice Cox, listed items needed in the area of primary source material about Mississippi Baptist history: missing issues of the Record; many association minutes, especially older ones (some of those available are mutilated); the loan of church minutes so that microfilmed copies may be made.

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## First, Ridgeland, Adopts Long Range Plans For Building

First Church, Ridgeland, on Feb. 7 approved long range plans for growth and expansion.

The Building Committee is composed of Earl Staires as Chairman, Horace Ross, Larry Bouchillon, Bob Mahaffey, Shirley Byrd, and Marcella Cannon.

Approval was given for the Committee to move ahead with planning and building details which will be brought back to the church later. The Committee will report to the church on plans for a sanctuary which will seat 1,200, and administrative complex plus an adult education building to accommodate 425 adults.

Ron Hartley and Associates did the plot plans which were adopted as future guides in growth expansions.

**Roanoke, Va. (RNS) —** A \$6 million city jail under construction here will include a baptismal tank large enough for total immersion ceremonies, Sheriff Alvin Hudson has discovered. The city's engineering office says it will cost about \$1,200 for materials and installation.

Pusan, Korea — Although inflation and dollar devaluation are playing havoc with Southern Baptist mission efforts in many parts of the world, all the financial news is not bad. In Pusan, Korea, the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital is experiencing economic growth. Out of a \$4.1 million 1978 operating budget, 99.3 percent came from patient-generated income, reports Charles W. Wiggs, a Southern Baptist missionary and until recently the hospital administrator. For the past five years, Wiggs says, the hospital has expanded its medical facilities by an average of \$120,000 annually — every penny from hospital income generated in Korea. Besides financial growth, there has been spiritual growth, too. Wiggs says an average of 97 Koreans accept Christ each month at the hospital.

## 50 Years A Deacon

Sunday, February 4, 1979, marked M. Potius Posey's 50th year as deacon of Richmond Church (Lee County).

Posey, whose father was the area doctor, was saved and baptized into the fellowship of the Richmond congregation in August, 1917. At the time of Posey's ordination as deacon, M. E. Hadden was pastor.

He and his wife Zell (Marsh) have lived for over 50 years: a short distance from the church.

Posey  
Hadden was pastor.

### OLD BIBLES REBOUND

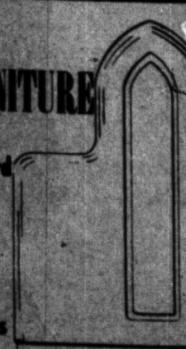
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## Gospel Sing Is Set For Brookhaven



The Betts Family

A "Big Gospel Sing" is set for the Lampton Auditorium in Brookhaven, for Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

The sing features several full time music evangelists who are based in Brookhaven, with Harold Luther Smith as master of ceremonies.

Featured are Floyd Grice, Hubert Greer and J. B. Betts and Family. All three men have served as ministers of music in Mississippi churches.

No admission will be charged, but a free will love offering will be taken to defray expenses.

## Chuck Endsley Recital To Celebrate 30th Year Of Organ

Charles E. (Chuck) Endsley will be presented in an organ recital at Calvary, Jackson, Thursday evening, March 8, at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The occasion is the 30th anniversary of the installation of the pipe organ at Calvary. A reception will follow the recital.

Endsley plans to play include "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" by Luebeck; "Toccata in F Major," V.W. 540 by Bach; Choral Prelude: "Come Sweetest Death, Come, Blessed Rest" by Bach; and "Toccata" by Gigout.

Also on program will be improvisations on three familiar tunes, arranged by Endsley: "Warrenton from 'The Sacred Harp,' 1844; Gospel Song, "All My Life," by Carmichael; and "Nettleton from Wyeth's 'Repository of Sacred Music,' Part Second, 1813.

Endsley, who is organist and artist

in residence at Calvary Church, regularly fills engagements in Mississippi and over the nation as composer, arranger, organist-pianist, and recording artist.

He received the Bachelor's degree in organ from William Carey College in 1977.

Endsley began playing at age three. While in high school he was for three years on the staff of Beach Street First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Ark. He has served as organist of Main Street and Temple Churches in Hattiesburg.

He is now contracted with Triune Music Co., Nashville, Tenn., as recording artist, composer, and arranger. His first album is slated for release this year under the production of Buryl Red.

Joe Tuten is the Calvary pastor.

Veracruz, Mexico — Over 3,000 people registered spiritual decisions during the seven-day Family Festival conducted here by the Luis Palau team.

## In Names The News

Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record, has been named chairman of the Public Relations Advisory Committee for the Southern Baptist Convention.

James W. Bradley, father of Mrs. Bob Magee, missionary to Colombia, died February 7 in Gulfport. Currently in the States on furlough, Mrs. Magee may be addressed at 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401. She is the former Dolores Bradley of Gulfport, Miss. Her husband is a native of Tyler, town, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Tim Nicholas' book *More Than Just Talk*, has been included among the recommended Round Table books by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for study during March. The book, written by Nicholas, associate editor of the Baptist Record, and photographed by Ken Touchton, is a series of stories about people who have made their whole lives a witness for Christ, showing that witnessing is more than just talk, it is a lifestyle. The book is published by The Home Mission Board and is available from the HMB and from Baptist Book Store.

Jake Bond was speaker for a men and boys' breakfast recently at New Hope Church, Gulf Coast. Ellu Camacho, director of new Spanish work on the Coast, was also on program.



Mrs. Allye Landrum, right, was presented a certificate of appreciation for her 26 years of faithful service as a Sunday School teacher at the Sturgis Church of Sturgis, W. E. Gillis, Jr., left, made the presentation.

George Purvis, Jr., of Jackson, a former team physician for the Mississippi College Choctaws, will be honored by the College with the Distinguished Service Award during Blue-Gold Day activities Saturday, March 3.

The award has been given annually since 1974 to individuals who have made a vital contribution to the sports program at Mississippi College.

Dr. Purvis, a 1941 graduate of Mississippi College, received the Master of Science and M.D. degrees from the University of Tennessee Medical School. He interned in Oklahoma and did a general surgery residency at the University of Michigan and a residency in orthopedic surgery at Campbell Clinic in Memphis.

Dr. Purvis is a member of Northminster Church, Jackson, where he is Chairman of Deacons. He has served the Mississippi Baptist Convention as Vice-President of the Convention Board and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Chester E. Swor, of Jackson, preacher, teacher, lecturer, and author, led the Graceland Church of Memphis in a Life Enrichment Crusade, Feb. 11-14. The "discipleship in depth" meetings concluded with a church-wide Valentine banquet. The crusade music was under direction of Tim Logan, minister of music and youth for the church. The pastor is E. Lowell Adams.

John O. Hughes, Richmond, Calif., oldest son of the executive director of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, died Feb. 11 following heart bypass surgery. Hughes, 35, was the son of Robert Hughes and pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Richmond since 1973. Hughes' death came two years to the week after his wife, Sandy, died from bacterial pneumonia. Hughes is survived by his two daughters, Debbie, 10, and Karen, 7; his parents, a brother and a sister.

Mrs. Robert E. Naylor is resting in her Fort Worth, Texas, home following surgery to clear arterial blockage in her neck. Mrs. Naylor, wife of retired Southwestern Seminary President Robert Naylor, suffered a stroke Jan. 20 while the Naylor's were visiting their daughter Rebekah, a medical missionary, in Bangalore, India. They returned to the U. S. Feb. 5. Naylor said his wife, who was released from the hospital Feb. 10, is "recovering well."

## Church School Needs Principal In Montana

The Baptist Record has again matched a need with a person to fill it. Last summer, Pastor Mannon Wallace of First Baptist Church, Hamilton, Mont., wrote letters to editors of state Baptist papers, stating that his church needed a music and youth director. When his letter appeared in the Baptist Record, Dan Sparks of Amory responded.

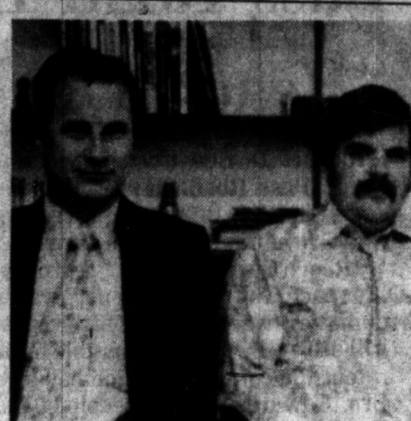
Sparks, who has been music and youth director at First Church, Hamilton, Mont., since last August, and Wallace were in Mississippi recently speaking in churches in Monroe and Simpson Counties and at Red Bay, Ala., and visiting the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Wallace said that his church in Montana has begun a Christian school, the Bitterroot Christian Academy. Now in its first year, the school has 40 students. Dan Sparks' wife is one of the teachers.

"Now we need a principal-teacher combination," Wallace added. "Actually we would like to have a couple come to live in Hamilton, so that he might be principal and teacher at the Academy, and she might be an

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Wallace and Sparks

elementary teacher." Anyone interested in this may get further information about the school and the position by writing to Mannon Wallace, First Baptist Church, Box 729, Hamilton, Mont. 59840 (phone 363-3735 or 363-3066.)

First, Hamilton, is constructing new facilities, a whole new plant to take care of Sunday School, worship services, and the school. "We need financial aid for this," Wallace stated. He has been pastor of the church for 13 years.

The church, with 226 in Sunday School, owns six buses, and operates a Day Care Center. It is in the process of beginning three missions.



## Southside Will Dedicate Sanctuary

Dedication services will be held for the new sanctuary at Southside Church, Jackson, March 4. The morning worship service, 11 a.m., speaker will be Earl Kelly. The evening worship service, 7 p.m., speaker will be Owen Cooper. A reception will follow immediately after the evening worship service.

Kelly is executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Cooper of Yazoo City, is past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new sanctuary has approximately 15,386 sq. ft. of space. This includes a seating capacity of 750, the choir with a seating capacity of 50, a suite of offices, conference room, resource center, music suite and eight adult Sunday School class rooms.

The church recently opened a Family Life Center. The cost of the new sanctuary and Family Life Center totals around \$1 million.

The pastor, Fred Fowler, and congregation of the church extend to former members and friends an invitation to attend the dedication services.

## THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM  
Baptist Children's Village  
P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

### Remedial Reading

In its continuing effort to stabilize, lift and redirect the total lives of boys and girls entrusted to its care, the Children's Village places great emphasis upon home support to public education. A part of this emphasis includes organized and supervised tutoring of Village children, at home in their "cottages," by carefully screened and chosen volunteers, consisting primarily of teams of qualified students from Mississippi College. At the heart of this home study emphasis is The Village's academic remedial program, with special attention to reading, directed by Mrs. Hilda Boteler of Jackson, a full-time member of The Village staff.

Mrs. Boteler is a trained remedial instructor with expertise and extended experience in remedial reading in the public schools of Mississippi. Through special testing, including tests administered to Village children in the public schools and tests administered by Mrs. Boteler in cooperation with the public schools, boys and girls who expressly need remedial assistance in order to stabilize their grades and improve their academic opportunities are enrolled in remedial classes, many of which meet under Mrs. Boteler's supervision daily on the Jackson campus and some of which convene in public school space during regular public school hours by arrangement with the public schools. Thus the primary objective of "lifting" the child through refined and improved educational training is serviced, the genuine interest of The Village and its staff in the child's educational opportunities is demonstrated to him, and the task of the public school teacher who must work with the child in the educational

process is made easier. The Village is committed to the philosophy that its mission assignment, in order to be genuinely Christian, must be addressed to the whole child and his total needs. We consider our agency most fortunate in being able to attract and retain a staff member with the personal interest, talent, and training which Mrs. Boteler brings to her important job; and we are grateful to Mississippi Baptists for helping us make this essential service possible.

### Houseparents Needed

Staff service as a "houseparent" is one of the most demanding but one of the most rewarding assignments in any group child care ministry. The Baptist Children's Village has a real need for additional houseparent personnel, especially on its Jackson campus; and we are currently engaged in an effort to attract qualified and interested Christian men and women to fill that need. We believe there must be many mature, Christian adults in Mississippi who feel an emotional and a spiritual persuasion to service on a Baptist mission field but who are concerned about their fitness or qualification because of age or because of formal, academic training. Houseparent service at the Baptist Children's Village, which is a sensitive and compassionate Christian mission to the neglected and dependent Mississippi child and to his disrupted natural family, presents a genuine and a challenging opportunity for such individuals. Child care is at the very heart of missions, as Southern Baptists characterize and envision that term. Houseparents represent the most personal and the most critical aspect of child care as missions. Training for the assignment,



Chance West  
Presenting Our Staff

Mrs. Maudell Chance, left, has been Housemother with boys and girls on the Jackson Campus since January 1, 1974.

Miss Marjorie Kay West, right, has been Housemother with boys and girls on the Jackson Campus since August 15, 1976.

largely irrespective of previous academic achievement, is available "on the job" as a houseparent at The Village serves. The very nature of the assignment dictates that the more effective houseparent should be an adult who has already attained a chronological age of mature adulthood. Thus the privilege of service as a Houseparent at The Baptist Children's Village presents a literal answer to prayer for many who yearn for service on a Baptist mission field but who have believed that time has "passed them by."

We are now accepting applications from qualified adults, including both single ladies and married couples, who are in good physical, mental, and emotional health; who are Christians committed to the service of others; and whose morals, character, and reputation can be attested by a local Baptist pastor and by other trusted community leaders. Baptists with an active record in the local church of membership are preferred.

Housing accommodations and the demands of the houseparent assignment virtually dictate that successful applicants have no dependent, minor children who must live with them. A houseparent at The Baptist Children's Village is expected to physically move to the campus assignment and make his or her home in a cottage with our children, usually not exceeding 12 in number, subject to holidays, "days-off," and other leaves.

Room and board in modern, comfortable quarters and adequate cash salary, group insurance, and other attractive benefits are available to qualified applicants, who should be less than 60 years of age at the time of employment. Normally, applicants between the ages of 30 and 55 years are preferred. Interested persons are

### Did You Know???

1. That ALL Village children on the Jackson Campus attend Sunday School and both regular worship services at either First Baptist Church of Jackson, Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson, or Parkway Baptist Church of Jackson, depending upon the cottage of residence? That ALL children on The Village's Farrow Manor Campus attend Sunday School and both regular worship services at either Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Independence or Bett Baptist Church, depending upon the cottage of residence? That ALL children at The Village's New Albany Satellite Home attend Sunday School and all regular services of First Baptist Church of New Albany?

2. That in a "normal" year more than 50 boys and girls make public professions of faith and unite for membership with one of our host churches?

3. That children of public school age on our Jackson Campus attend the public schools of Clinton, which include three elementary schools, one Junior High school, one High school, and one Vocational school? That children on our Farrow Manor Campus of public school age attend the public schools of Tate County? That children in our New Albany Home of public school age attend the New Albany public schools?

4. That during the current (1978-1979) school year The Baptist Children's Village has supported and sustained a total of 16 different boys and girls, all enrolled at The Village, in either academic or technical training on the college level and that during this year Village students have been enrolled at Mississippi State University, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Northwest Mississippi Junior College, and Hinds Junior College?

5. That during the first 40 days of calendar year 1979 The Village has admitted 11 new children and young people to its custodial care?

6. That in 1979, Easter and Mother's Day, both significant and important dates to The Village and its children, will be observed on Sunday, April 15, and Sunday, May 13, respectively?

7. That one member of our governing Board of Trustees and four full-time members of our staff are Village "products," having lived most of their childhood lives on the Jackson Campus of The Baptist Children's Village?

urged to contact either Paul N. Nunery or Henry M. Glaze at The Baptist Children's Village, Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213 or at telephone No. 601-922-2242.



Mr. Sims reads the Bible at a Garrison Cottage devotional.

### The Children Are Saying —

"I know how Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Adam hit Eve and wouldn't say, 'I'm sorry.'"

"I know what Abraham Lincoln was doing when he got shot — he was watching The Wizard of Oz."

Q — "What did the Dove bring back when Noah let him out of the Ark?"  
A — "He brought back a Magnolia leaf."

These are literal "quotes" from some of our younger Village children of pre-school years. These boys and girls, too young to be insincere, were commenting upon Bible stories and lessons in morality taught them by Annette Hitt, Christian Education Director at The Children's Village, in one of her regular, on-campus Bible Story Hour sessions with our youngest children.

Within a few days we will be writing to individuals who have already demonstrated interest in our support, inviting their consideration of the annual clothing and shoe needs of Village children. Would you —



### Dress A Child At Easter 1979

#### A GOOD GIFT:

Write or telephone us. Request sizes on a child in the age group of your choice. You may sew or shop as you choose and mail or deliver the clothing.

#### A BETTER GIFT:

Write or telephone us. Request our staff to take a child shopping for you. A better fit is insured and the child's own tastes are considered. \$60.00 will dress a child of 10 years or less; \$70.00 will dress a child from 10 to 14 years; \$80.00 will dress a high schooler; \$90.00 will dress a college youth.

#### THE BEST GIFT:

Make a cash gift to our "Dress A Child At Easter" Fund. Help us dress EVERY child at the Village in church clothing for spring and summer and help us underwrite our costly clothing and shoe budget for the entire year.

We need your help on the Jackson Campus, on the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County, and at the Satellite home in New Albany.



Mrs. Hilda Boteler, Village remedial instructor, and a class of young teenagers.



## Pass Road Initiates "Reach Out And Touch"

Richard D. Edwards has been pastor at Pass Road Church, Gulfport, since Sept. 19, 1978, going there from Oak Grove Church, Smith County.

"Reach Out And Touch," a program "to reach Gulfport for Jesus," was begun a few weeks ago. "This program will use every medium possible to carry out the commission God has given Bro. Edwards and the people of Pass Road Church," stated one of the members.

was aired the last week of December, 1978, and can be heard each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WVMI Radio-57.

Due to the purchase of a new duplicator, all of Edwards' sermons, as well as guest speakers' sermons, and music specials, can be purchased on cassette tapes.

A bus ministry has been underway

for approximately three weeks. A trailer is now being converted into a 24-hour prayer chapel.

Renovation work began on the church a few months ago. Seven chandeliers were given to the church for the sanctuary. The addition of the chandeliers put the renovation program in full swing. A new roof is now on the sanctuary, education building, and fellowship hall. Choir loft and pulpit area have been completely renovated, with a large altar area for prayer. New carpet and pew pads have also been added to the sanctuary.

Since October the church has added 68 people by either baptism, transfer of letter, or statement.

"By the power of God, we will reach Gulfport for Jesus' sake," states the pastor.



## Note Burning At Magnolia Street

Magnolia Street Church in Laurel on Feb. 11 witnessed an important moment in the history of the church. With the congregation and pastor, Frank Harmon, looking on, Sam Fletcher and Mrs. T. O. Crain conducted the ceremonial burning of the note for the church building debt. Fletcher is chairman of the deacon body and Mrs. Crain held the office of church secretary for many years.

Magnolia Street Church was founded in 1942 with the help of First Church, Laurel. After a change in name from Beacon to Magnolia Street, a new auditorium was built at a cost of \$140,000. This was in 1954 and the pastor was Tom Renfro. In 1962, under the leadership of D. V. Vaughn, a new education building was built at a cost of \$150,000. In 1965 under pastor Clyde Little, \$14,000 was added to the church note for remodeling the church auditorium. In 1973 under pastor Wayne DuBose another \$12,000 was added to the church note for purchase of a bus.

This was the second note burning ceremony in the history of the church. The first took place just prior to the construction of the new auditorium in the early 1950's.

## Just for The Record

Ashland Church kicked off the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering emphasis Feb. 14 with a Valentine Mission Banquet. This was a churchwide affair, including Baptist Women, Sunday School, Church Training, Children's Church, GA's, and RA's. It was a huge success, according to Myrtle Crawford, WMU director.

Each organization dramatized a skit. Mrs. Dean Hamilton, wife of the pastor, directed a puppet show. (Four groups of puppeteers are used in the newly organized Children's Church.) Saturday night, Feb. 17, the Sweetheart Banquet was held for youths from ten years old through college and career age. Jeff and Stanley Poff presented a medley of songs as they played guitars.

The Hospitality Committee included Jane Snyder, Ruth Autrey, and Eldina Linebarger.

First Church, D'Iberville is buying additional land on Brodie Road for a satellite church.

Pearlington Church has installed stained glass windows and replaced its air conditioning system.

Frank Glover has been ordained as a deacon at East Howard Church, Biloxi.

Minneapolis (RNS) — A conference of Mennonites, known for its support of war resisters, will try to find ways to avoid collecting taxes from its employees. In a resolution adopted by a 1,218 to 134 vote, the General Conference Mennonite Church in a special session here asked its general board "to use all legal, legislative and administrative avenues for achieving conscientious objection" to the tax withholding requirement.

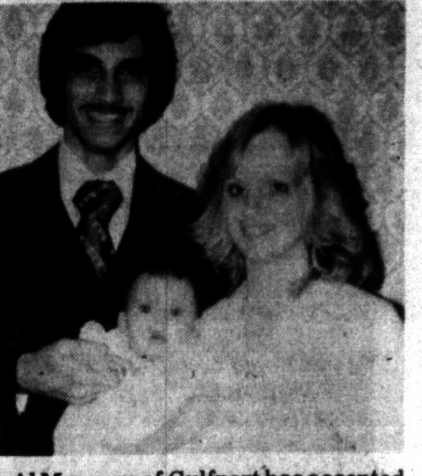
## Corinth Will Host Simpson Music School

Simpson Association will host a School of Music Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at Corinth Church. Classes will be provided for every age group, including nursery.

Program personalities will be: Mrs. Bobbie McLeone, Macedonia Church, Director; Dan Hall, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson; Paul Padgett, Magee; Dot Pray, Church Music Department, Jackson; Mrs. Mary Taylor, Florence; Mrs. Ora Mae McAlphin, Magee; George Puckett, Mendenhall; Mrs. Gayle Walker, Corinth; and Mrs. Shirley Burnh, n, Kennedy Springs.

The entire family is invited to take advantage of this music training. A fee of \$1.00 per person will be charged to cover the cost of music, according to H. Glen Schilling, associational director of missions.

## Staff Changes



Al Marengo of Gulfport has accepted the pastorate of Tillatoba Church, Yalobusha County. He is married to the former Janice Doyle of Shaw and they have a daughter, Alicia, age 4½ months. Marengo and his wife are both graduates of Clarke College; he received a B. A. degree from William Carey College. He plans to enter New Orleans Seminary this fall.

George Martin has resigned as minister of music at First Church, Tupelo, after four and one-half years of service with that church. (He is to marry Ruby Griffin of Calhoun City off March 10). February 25 was George Martin Appreciation Day at the Tupelo church, where Bill Rittenhouse is pastor.

Emmanuel Church (Gulf Coast) has called Roger Haynes as minister of music. He was previously serving at First, Lyman.

Faithview Church, Gulf Coast, has called Fred Hogue as minister of music. Hogue was at Bayou View Church before moving to Saurier.

Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, has called Jimmy Dale Porter as pastor.

Martin Klinghard has resigned as pastor of Lizana Church, Gulf Coast.

First Church, Mississippi City, has called Jimmy Bankston as pastor.

Andy Taggart has been called as interim minister of youth at First Church, Canton. Louis Smith is pastor.

Cornelia Leavell, missionary to Hong Kong, has arrived in the States (address: c/o Mrs. Edwin Hartzman, 1138 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La. 70130). Daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, she was born in Tsangwa (formerly Wuchow), Kwangsi Province, China.

## Devotional

### Hope

By Bill Causey, Pastor, Parkway, Jackson  
Romans 15:13

HOPE in the Bible carries with it none of the uncertainty which is normally associated with the word in English. In our language it is often merely wishing. The word as used in the New Testament means the "joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation." It is something already laid aside and absolutely certain of fulfillment. In the Old Testament it carried the idea of a "place of refuge."

"The God Of Hope"

God is the source of hope! Christian hope is as certain as the character of God Himself. It, therefore, cannot fail.

Hoping in so much else is obviously the cause of much frustration. Putting our confidence elsewhere means bouncing the morning headlines off our already overtaxed nervous system. Appropriate hope is in the permanency of The One who was, is, and ever shall be!

Causey

"Fill You With All Joy and Peace"

Placing our hope in God makes it possible for God to make available to us two of the world's most sought after commodities — joy and peace; while instability and fear rule. Joy and peace are words like a "stream in the desert." To some they sound impossible; to others they sound like the only thing that is possible. And yet... "not as the world giveth..."

"By Believing"

Like every other spiritual gift these are appropriated by faith. For it to be living it must be in the present tense. At this moment you are receiving joy and peace as you are believing.

"That Ye May Abound In Hope"

The believer then receives even more hope. So the cycle of being lifted to higher levels begins... child's frisbee turns and lifts until it begins to float to the earth. However, this spiritual cycle turns and lifts until one day it rests in the Presence of the God of Hope Himself.

"Through The Power Of The Holy Spirit"

The means by which God communicates His spiritual riches to our lives is the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5 says the "love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us." So it is with hope. God's own heart pulses; then the wind of the Spirit "activates the corresponding strings in our hearts; with sympathetic vibrations our hearts sing with His joy and peace and hope.

## Uniform Lesson

### Concern For the Church

First, Laurel

1 Cor. 1:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:21-24; 13:10-11

The church at Corinth in the apostle Paul's day was a church in turmoil. Confusion and anarchy abounded within the fellowship. Many of the members had turned against Paul and had openly questioned his authority. It appeared that all of Paul's efforts in sharing Christ in that city would be wasted because of the petty jealousy that existed among many of the church members. Ungodly behavior was being justified by any means possible, and many of the church members were living like their neighbors.

It is so easy to justify our sins. The New York Times magazine recently carried an article demonstrating the fickleness of man in his ability to justify any behavior. In Fort Myers, Florida, a man stole a \$12 steak by claiming that he was going into the restaurant business.

In Knoxville, Tennessee, a man explained that he could not report to a probation officer because his children had cut his probation papers into paper dolls.

A citizen of Toronto, Canada, denied an assault charge with a simple explanation, "I thought he was a relative."

In Fort Worth, Texas, a man sawed halfway through the steel post of a downtown parking meter before police could intervene. He explained, "I just wanted a dime for a cup of coffee."

A Brighton, Massachusetts, man explained that he had stolen a calf because "My little boy is almost three years old and he has never seen a calf."

A burglar who was found trying to open the rectory of a Pittsburgh church with an assortment of 25 keys said, "I was just looking for a place to pray!"

Arrested for illegal possession of four boxes of morphine in Las Vegas, Nevada, a man told police that he was trying to sell them to pay his way through Bible school (New York Times Magazine, April 29, 1977).

It appears that the above attitudes were prevailing in the Corinthian fellowship. Paul was concerned for the Corinthian believers and challenged them to grow up and become God's people.

I. Mission to Perform

Paul was concerned about the mis-

sion the church was to perform. He wrote to them as "the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling..." (1 Cor. 1:2).

First, Paul reminded the Corinthians that they were to be the church of God in Corinth. God had called them out of sin to be his representatives to a pagan world. The city of Corinth was well known for its pagan religions. Aesculapius, the Greek god of healing, was highly regarded by the Corinthian citizens. The Egyptian god and goddess, Serapis and Isis, were popular, idols of pagan worship.

The most famous cult in Corinth was that of Aphrodite. The Temple of Aphrodite was on top of Mount Acrocorinth, a steep promontory rising more than 1800 feet above the city of Corinth. According to the Greek geographer, Strabo, who lived in the first century A.D., over a thousand prostitutes served in the Temple of Aphrodite. It was in the midst of this environment that the believers were to be God's church.

Paul also contended that believers were "saints by calling." Today the word "saint" is usually associated with someone who has engaged in some outstanding Christian service. Recently Time magazine carried an article about Sister Theresa, a Catholic nun who works with the poor and hungry of India. This dear lady has done a marvelous job in ministering to the masses who stagger daily through starvation and sickness. The article indicated that one day the nun will probably be canonized a saint by the Catholic Church. However, in the New Testament every believer is a saint. The word "saint" is closely associated with the word "sanctified" and indicates the holy life that the believer is to live.

II. Ministry of God

Paul was concerned about the ministry of God in the life of the church. He reminded the believers that "God sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge" (2 Cor. 1:22). The Corinthian Christians needed to take their commitment to Christ because God had "sealed" them.

A "seal" was a mark or a brand indicating ownership. A wealthy man wore a signet ring which he used in sending letters. Letters would be sealed with wax and the wealthy man would stamp the soft wax with his signet ring. The mark left by the ring indicated that the letter belonged to him. Many times soldiers were sealed or branded indicating their allegiance and loyalty to a certain general that they admired.

God has given us the Holy Spirit which is his seal indicating that we belong to him. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:30 that we are sealed until "the day of redemption" (the end of time).

III. Manner of Living

Paul was concerned about the manner in which the believers were living. He challenged them "to rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (2 Cor. 13:11).

Although the Corinthian church was divided and in turmoil, the apostle still believed that the believers could overcome their problems and grow in God-likeness. The expression "be made complete" can be translated, "mend your ways." Paul believed that they could develop a godly conduct that would bring genuine peace.

We must always remember that people can change and become genuine saints of God. Two brothers were convicted of stealing sheep and were branded on the forehead with the letters S T, which stood for "sheep thief."

One of the brothers tried to lose himself in a foreign land, but people were constantly asking him about the letters on his forehead. He wandered constantly and was finally buried in a forgotten grave.

The other brother repented and decided to remain at home and win back the respect of the community. As the years passed he established a reputation for integrity. One day a stranger saw the old man with the letters on his forehead, and he asked a citizen of the community what the letters meant. After thinking for a few moments, the citizen said, "It all happened so long ago. I think the letters are an abbreviation for Saint."

Las Vegas (RNS) — Gamblers lost a record \$1.85 billion at Nevada casinos in 1978, according to a report by the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

## Life and Work Lesson

### How Does The Spirit Help Us?

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Romans 8

I like the statement by Dwight L. Moody. He said he'd rather live in the eighth chapter of Romans than in the Garden of Eden. Beginning with "No Condemnation" and concluding with "No Separation," the chapter is filled with numerous spiritual delights.

Teaching this chapter can be compared to a ten-year-old boy confronting his first dinner-on-the-ground at the country church. The only problem is where to begin!

I'll begin by passing on an outline of the chapter, which I'm told, comes from E. M. Aldridge.

No Condemnation 8:1  
No Alienation 8:7-10  
No Disintegration 8:11-13  
No Isolation 8:15-17  
No Miscalculation 8:28  
No Accusation 8:33  
No Separation 8:35-39

In this chapter we learn that the world groans, the church groans and the Spirit groans. The world groans because of its corruption (8:21-22); the church groans because of its anticipation (8:23); and the Spirit groans because of His intercession (8:26).

This chapter presents the Spirit of God as the answer to our needs. His presence in our lives provides everything important, and gives victory over the problems of the flesh dealt with in Chapter 7.

The Presence Of The Spirit (8:1-14)  
Three important truths are taught in this passage, fundamental to all that comes after.

(1) We are indwelt by the Spirit (8:9). You'll look hard to find a plainer statement than this in the Bible. Its simple message declares that saved people have the Spirit and the unsaved don't and don't try to make it more complicated than that!

John 7:37-39 confirms this. Yet, all around us people swarm, declaring that you "get the Spirit" subsequent to salvation. Or, others say you get a little at the time of salvation and "the fullness" at a later baptism. However, the Bible never divides up the Holy Spirit. If He's there, He's fully there. Colossians 1:27 agrees with this. The

distinctive of a Christian is the indwelling Christ. And that's another term for the Holy Spirit.

(2) We walk according to the Spirit (8:4). Paul defines this in 8:6 as a "mindset." You know what that is — you've made up your mind and the subject is no longer open to debate. That's how it must be for the child of God. You have determined to obey God and are therefore unavailable to the world, the flesh, and the devil.

(3) We are led by the Spirit (8:14). A man walks into a kindergarten playground and yells, "Son, come on!" Now, 38 boys could have responded, since all of them are someone's sons. But only one did. The boy who knew the voice and called that man "Dad."

Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Obviously, the prerequisite to being led by the Lord is recognizing His voice.

We could spend a good half hour here. Many people are doing foolish things in this world and blaming them on God. But I submit to you that it is not the voice of the Lord they hear, but that of the Counterfeit shepherd.

The proof of our sonship, Paul says here, is whether we are being led by the Spirit of God.

The Provision Of The Spirit (8:15-39)  
The theme of this passage is "the Spirit also helps our weakness" (verse 26). How does He help us?

(1) Assurance (8:15-16). God wants us to know we are His children, so the indwelling Spirit bears a strong inner witness to that effect.

In John 16:7, Jesus promised not to leave us comfortless, but to send the Holy Spirit. The word "comfortless" in the Greek is "orphanos." We are not isolated, but very much a member of the family of God through Christ.

As a result of such sonship, we are heirs of all that God has. That, incidentally, is why the Bible calls us "sons." The Son got the inheritance. And in Christ, you do — whatever your earthly gender.

(2) Prayer (8:26,27). I know a preacher who has misled people by telling them unless they have prayed out loud a certain way, they are not saved. I'm one of those he will exclude, since

at age eleven, in that country church in Alabama, I knelt and cried and prayed with my heart — but no words came forth. However, the Spirit spoke my words for me and God saved me.

We do not know how to pray as we should Paul said so. But we have an Advocate, a Friend in the Court. And He prays for us. I don't pretend to understand all that means — but it sounds great!

(3) Victory (8:28). The Spirit works in lousy events and circumstances bringing good from them for the faithful. That's God's promise to us.

The far I had forgotten God. Their teenage son had just taken his life — and the pastor visited their home. The yard was grown up and neglected, symbolic of the deteriorated relationships in that home.

Inside the house, the father remained composed. "It's all right," he announced, "We believe it will all work out for the best."

The pastor squelched the temptation to straighten out that father's theology. The son was dead and that part would never work out at all. Only when the family members yielded and committed their lives to Christ could they hope to claim the promise of a victory in the midst of ruin.

(4) Security (8:32-39). I love verse 32 — The God who did not spare His own Son... will freely give us all things. All things. Including eternal love and salvation.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. But some say, Satan can. Look at it like this. If Satan could, he would. And if he doesn't, it's because he does not want to. So your salvation would be based on the goodness of Satan. And none of us would admit to that.

We are as eternally secure as God is faithful. Because of the indwelling, leading, teaching, strengthening, praying, sealing Holy Spirit. Doxology!

Islamabad, Pakistan (RNS) — General Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, president of Pakistan, has announced the "Islamization" of the country with the adoption of religious regulations as the law of the land.